

70 Days Remaining for City Sewer Rate Appeal

Only City of Goodyear Water Customers South of I-10

What is sewer usage based on?

There is no way to measure exactly how many gallons of water a household sends into the sewer system. Goodyear bases its estimate of your household's monthly sewer usage upon your household's average monthly water consumption during the winter – typically the lowest water usage months of the year. The average monthly water usage during January, February and March becomes your **Winter Quarter Average (WQA)**.

Each May, your sewer bill is adjusted based on that average. The average is the **maximum** you will be charged monthly for the next 12 months – from June 06 through May 07. If any month's water consumption is **lower** than your WQA, your sewer bill will be calculated using the lower sewer usage that month. However, if your monthly water consumption is higher than your WQA, your sewer usage will still be based on the WQA and could save you money.

How does the City figure out our monthly sewer bill?

The following table shows the City's estimated monthly minimum water consumption for an average household based on 80 gallons per day (gpd) per each person in the household.

Typical Household Monthly Water Usage

Occupants	Gallons Per Day	Minimum Usage
1	80 gpd x 30 days =	2,400 gpm
2	160 gpd x 30 days =	4,800 gpm
3	240 gpd x 30 days =	7,200 gpm
4	320 gpd x 30 days =	9,600 gpm
5	400 gpd x 30 days =	12,000 gpm
6	480 gpd x 30 days =	14,400 gpm
7	560 gpd x 30 days =	16,800 gpm

When is an appeal possible?

If your WQA water usage is **under** the monthly minimum usage based on occupancy, an adjustment will **not** be considered for your sewer rate. However, if your monthly water usage is **over** the minimum monthly usage for your household occupancy, you may want to have the City consider a rate adjustment. After your bill comes in June, you have until August 31st to file for an adjustment. If your water consumption is higher than your WQA, it may be due to water used to fill a swimming pool or to water outdoor landscaping. Since this water did not go down the drain, you do not need to pay a sewer fee on it.

How can I appeal my sewer rate?

A Sewer Fee Adjustment Self-Audit Form is available on-line at goodyearaz.gov or from the City's Customer Counter at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Mail the completed form to:

City of Goodyear
Attn: Sewer Rate Appeal
P.O. Box 1500
Goodyear, AZ 85338

The City will mail a decision within 30 business days advising whether an adjustment will be made. For questions, call 623-932-3015.

Who cannot appeal?

- Goodyear residents who live north of I-10 because they receive water and sewer services from LPSCO.
- New Goodyear residents south of I-10 who did not live in their house in January, February, and March. Because they could not establish their own WQA, these households will be assigned a "class average" sewer rate for the next year. This is calculated by taking total residential water consumption for January, February and March and dividing it by the total households south of I-10.

Celebrate with a Bang at Goodyear's Star Spangled 4th

Goodyear's Independence Day celebration will be held on July 4, 2006, 5 to 9 p.m. at Goodyear Community Park, located at 3151 N. Litchfield Rd. (north of Thomas Rd.) This free event promises something for everyone including a **spectacular 25-minute fireworks display** set to music at 8:30 p.m. Live music will fill the air all day by "Mogollon," with special guests "Tina Bailey Band" and "Rondavous." A Food Court will offer a large variety including a Beer & Wine Garden. The Kid's Zone will feature a water play area, rides and bouncers with a small fee for rides.

Parking will be available at St. Thomas Aquinas Church located at 13720 W. Thomas Rd. and at Estrella Mountain Community College located at 3000 N. Dysart Rd. Shuttles will be available at both locations with drop-offs at Goodyear Community Park. Limited handicapped parking available at Goodyear Community Park.





Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Mayor Welcomes British Company to Goodyear

An international company has chosen to locate in Goodyear and we're glad they have. The Oxford Airline Training Center, one of the world's leading pilot training schools, has established the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport as its United States campus. Its primary campus is in Oxford, England at the Oxford Airport.

Oxford's location of its second campus in our city expands our airport's pilot training capabilities. Lufthansa already trains pilots at the Airline Training Center Arizona (ATC) at the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport.

During the airline training center's recent grand opening ceremonies, Oxford's president said they had considered Texas and Florida, but ultimately decided on Goodyear because of its 330 days of sunshine and excellent airport facilities. Having great Arizona weather to train in as a student pilot makes the learning experience much easier than the many foggy, overcast, and rainy days that Oxford students encounter at the UK training center. The primary objective of their time in Goodyear is to focus on learning to fly to exacting standards and our weather is perfect for that.

Oxford says it will have from 80 to 100 students at any one time training in Goodyear. Students are here for 18 weeks out of the year and a half it takes them to qualify for a European commercial pilot's license. Half of the graduates will probably end up flying for British Airways.

The British training company has made a substantial investment within our city – creating a full campus center with dormitories and an administration building. They recently completed a \$3 million renovation to the residence halls which now have 106 fully remodeled and air-conditioned single bedrooms along with two pools, four tennis courts, a volleyball court and fitness center. Oxford also houses 31 training planes at the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport.

With many Singapore Air Force pilots from Luke living in Goodyear as well as the German and British student pilots, we're becoming quite an international city. If you should meet any of our foreign visitors in the grocery store or at a local restaurant, tell them how pleased we are to have them in our city. I hope they will have fond memories of their days in Goodyear and enjoy their stay as much as we enjoy having them here.

You're Invited to the Van Buren Reconstruction Open House

All Goodyear citizens are invited to an Open House, June 22 at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. (southwest corner of Litchfield & Van Buren), Meeting Room 117 to preview the Van Buren Street Reconstruction and other road projects planned for this year.

This is an opportunity to participate in the changing landscape of our community. There will be an update on the construction activities to expect on Van Buren as well as changes that will be happening on McDowell Road, Bullard and Yuma. The planners will be there to answer questions.

The City is committed to working with the public to ensure these road construction projects are driver-friendly.

For additional information, please call the City of Goodyear Community Advocate, Linda Dillard at 623-882-7800 or e-mail: LDillard@goodyearaz.gov.



Public Invited to Hearing On Goodyear Water and Sewer Rate Increases Planned for July 2006

The Goodyear City Council wants the city's costs for the operation and maintenance of water and sewer services to become self-sustaining – completely covered by the water and sewer fees paid by its customers south of I-10. Residents north of I-10 are serviced by LPSCO, not the City.

A public hearing will be held on July 26th at 6 p.m. in the Goodyear Justice Facility at 986 S. Litchfield Rd. to discuss planned increases in the water and sewer rates for the coming fiscal year – 2006-07.

To eventually cover both the one-time and on-going costs incurred by the Water Resources Department, a long-term plan was developed by a Citizen Committee calling for three years of increases. The first increase occurred in July 2005 when a 20 percent increase for both the water and sewer rates went into effect. The plan calls for a 15 percent water rate hike in July of this year and another 5 percent hike in July 2007. The sewer rate is expected to increase 10 percent in July 2006 with no increase scheduled for 2007. If you care to comment on the planned increases for July 2006, you are invited to come to the public hearing.

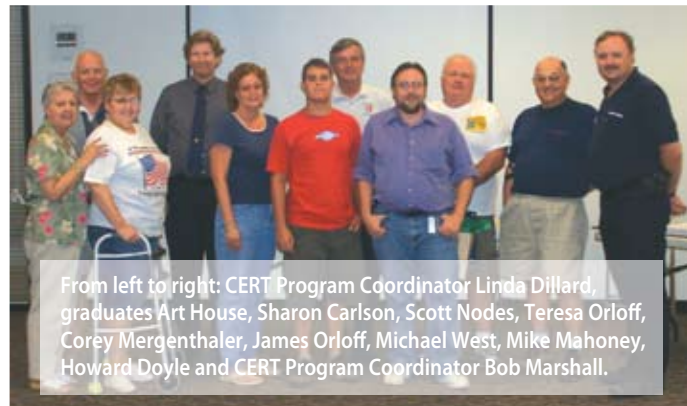
For a household that uses an average of 10,000 gallons of water per month, the 15 percent rate hike would increase the average monthly water portion of the bill by \$3.64. That same household's average sewer portion would likely increase 10 percent or about \$3.52.

This \$7.16 average monthly increase, which equals the cost of two hamburgers, buys water and sewer customers a lot more than two hamburgers each month considering these increases will help cover the following services:

- Water one-time costs – for installing wells, booster stations, and delivery pipes and for the purchase of water from outside sources.
- Water on-going daily costs – for maintaining equipment, drilling for water and cleaning it to drinkable standards.
- Sewer one-time costs – for building wastewater reclamation plants and the installation of the underground pipe system.
- Sewer on-going daily costs – for maintenance of the facilities and infrastructure and the cleaning of the wastewater for reclaimed purposes or to recharge into the groundwater table.

City Program Graduates Citizens Prepared for Disasters

Ten Southwest Valley citizens recently graduated from an eight-week course about disaster preparedness. The course was taught by members of the City of Goodyear staff who were previously trained in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. CERT classes are now being offered through the City of Goodyear to residents over 18 years of age. For more information, contact Linda Dillard at 623-882-7808 or LDillard@goodyearaz.gov.



From left to right: CERT Program Coordinator Linda Dillard, graduates Art House, Sharon Carlson, Scott Nodes, Teresa Orloff, Corey Mergenthaler, James Orloff, Michael West, Mike Mahoney, Howard Doyle and CERT Program Coordinator Bob Marshall.

Automatic Defibrillators Available at City Buildings

An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable automatic device used to restore normal heart rhythm to patients in cardiac arrest. They have proven very successful at saving lives. The City of Goodyear has five Public Access AEDs in service, one at City Hall, one at the Court Building, two at the Police Department and one at the Goodyear Community Pool.



One unit was furnished by Councilmember Fred Scott's City budget. More defibrillators are on order thanks to grants from Newland Communities, Arizona Department of Administration and Wal-Mart.

New AEDs will be installed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Public Works, Fleet Services, and the second floor of City Hall, bringing the total to 12. More AEDs will be installed at future fire stations.

For more information, call Bob Marshall, Goodyear Fire Department Community Education Specialist at 623-882-7159.

Goodyear Implements Water Strategy to Assure We Never Run Short of Water Again *Goodyear Water Customers South of I-10 Only*

After the summer of 2003 when Goodyear ran short of water during peak summer demand periods due to the unusual occurrence of two wells being out of action at the same time, the City Council made it their goal to ensure that this situation would never happen again. A Strategic Water Supply and Management Plan was prepared and put into effect in 2004 which dictated what steps the City would take over the next ten years to not only assure enough water was available at peak times to our ever-growing population, but that redundancy was in place to cover possible mechanical failures or other losses of a city well. The plan's key goals are: Capacity Enhancement and System Reliability.

Besides the summer of 2003 water shortage, what drove the need for a better long-term water strategy? Goodyear's primary water source is groundwater pumping through wells. A problem with being solely reliant upon groundwater is that it is a finite resource and the quality of our groundwater has degraded over the years. Another problem is that the number of wells we had was not enough to keep up with our sudden growth.

One of the first steps Council took was to hire a Water Resources Manager whose main job was to obtain new sources of water besides the wells planned by the Water Resources Department. David Iwanski was hired and has successfully worked out several contractual water agreements including the purchase of additional water from LPSCO which services Goodyear residents north of I-10; the purchase of additional Central Arizona Project water; and the settlement of Indian water rights that brings Goodyear increased water supplies. These new thousands of acre-feet of water go a long way in ensuring a hundred-year water supply for Goodyear.

Much of the plan is dependent upon building new facilities and infrastructure. In the coming 2006-07 Fiscal Year, \$117 million of capital projects are planned. Over the next five years, \$271 million worth of capital projects will allow us to keep up with our projected population growth.

One of the key ways the City saves money on its water system is to share the cost with developers. Newland Communities, Estrella Mountain Ranch (EMR) developer, expects to build as many as 60,000 homes in the southern portion of our city.

To help accommodate this growth, Newland is building a five million gallon-per-day (mgd) reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment facility on the Waterman Wash in Rainbow Valley at a cost of \$64 million. RO is needed to clean the water because it is high in salt content. Eventually, this facility will be expanded to 20 mgd as EMR grows. It is anticipated that this new water treatment facility will be up and running before the peak summer demand of 2008.

This summer the City is adding new water capacity because we have added a second interconnect to LPSCO's system that should yield a half million gallons per day making our total 3.0 mgd from LPSCO. We have also drilled a new well on Van Buren Street called the Centerra Well to replace the one that currently sits in the right-of-way on Van Buren Street. The old well will be removed at the end of the summer to widen Van Buren. However, through the summer, both wells will be used which will give us an additional 2 mgd. When the old well is taken out of service we will net an added half million mgd from the new Centerra Well.

A new well has also been drilled on Estrella Parkway south of Yuma. This well has added 1.7 mgd for peak use this summer. In Fall 2006, another well behind the Safeway on Estrella Parkway will come on line and add up to 2.5 mgd.

Greater usage of water results in greater sewage flows, so we are expanding the 157th Ave. Wastewater Reclamation Facility by 2 mgd to 6 million. We have just completed a new Rainbow Valley Wastewater Reclamation Facility that will add 0.75 mgd and can be further expanded as the EMR population increases.



Councilmember Brenda Holland, Water Resources Director Shawn Bradford, with Councilmembers Fred Scott and Georgia Lord examine the improvements to the 157th Ave. Wastewater Reclamation Facility.



Handy Watering Guide Helps Save Water

In order to conserve water this summer, it is important to not over water your landscaping. This guide will help you adjust watering schedules for trees, plants and grass for the summer season. After adjusting your schedule, turn on each of your watering zones. When the zones are finished, insert a long screwdriver or a metal rod into the soil. Your soil probe should slide easily through wet soil but will be harder or impossible to push through dry soil. Compare the depth that your soil probe penetrated to the chart and adjust your watering schedule accordingly. By testing your landscaping often, you should be able to save both water and money by not over watering your plants.

Landscape Watering Depth Guidelines

Plant Type	Established (1 yr, shrubs; 3 yrs, trees)	Water Depth	May - Oct
Trees	Desert Adapted	24-26 inches	7-21 days
	High-water Use	24-36 inches	7-10 days
Shrubs	Desert Adapted	18-24 inches	7-21 days
	High-water Use	18-24 inches	5-7 days
Groundcovers/Vines	Desert Adapted	8-12 inches	7-21 days
	High-water Use	8-12 inches	2-5 days
Cacti/Succulents		8-12 inches	14-30 days
Annuals		8-12 inches	2-5 days
Warm Season Grass		6-10 inches	3-6 days



Goodyear City Council

Brenda Holland, Fred Scott, Vice Mayor Frank Cavalier,
Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Rob Antoniak
and Georgia Lord

Council Calendar

Monday, June 19, 2006
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, July 10, 2006
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, June 26, 2006
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

July 11 - August 28
Council Vacation

All Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd., unless indicated otherwise.

New Fire Station is Open

Goodyear Fire Station 184 is now open and fully operational. The station is located at 16161 West Yuma Road, east of Sarival Avenue and services the entire City of Goodyear.

Station 184 accommodates a four-person engine company, a battalion chief, offices for Police Department personnel and a four-wheel drive brush truck. The brush truck is used for fighting brush fires and can reach rugged, off-road terrain.

The new public safety facility will help to reduce emergency response time throughout the entire City.

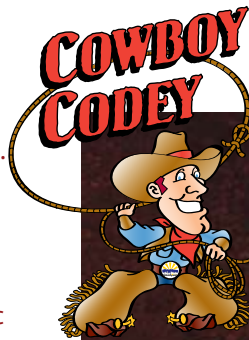
A grand opening will be announced in the Fall in time for the cool weather. The facility will be open and available for public tours at that time.



Southwest Ambulance Donates \$5,000 to Goodyear Pool

Southwest Ambulance presented a \$5,000 check to the Goodyear Recreation and Aquatics division of Public Works at the Goodyear Swimming Pool, located at 430 E. Loma Linda, on June 5 to kick-off the beginning of swimming lessons.

The donation is part of a program called *Pool Pac*. For the second year, Goodyear and several other municipalities received such funds which are used to supplement families unable to afford the full cost of the swim lessons by offering the lessons at half price. To take advantage of the half price lessons, please call 623-882-7532.



Cowboy Codey Sez ...

"Cut and Pull!"

Each year about this time we start to see an accumulation of dried weeds and grass which are unsightly and can cause fires.

We need the help of each Goodyear resident in curbing this danger by eliminating weeds and keeping your grass cut. The code requires that no grass or weeds be higher than six inches.

So, let's remember to spend a little time each week pulling weeds and cutting the grass. This includes all areas of your yard, alley and between the sidewalks and pavement.

Attention Sanitation Customers!

We will be improving your Sanitation service in the Fall. We are changing to weekly automated curbside garbage pickup, plus we are adding weekly automated curbside recycling pickup.

In order to receive sanitation services from the City of Goodyear, your account will have to be paid in full and you will be required to use City-owned containers for both garbage and recycling.

Please watch for a very important brochure coming in the mail that will explain details about the new sanitation service and help guide your container selection. Please keep this brochure handy, because it will answer many questions.

If you have a question on the status of your account or have not yet signed up for trash service, please call the City of Goodyear Finance Department at 623-932-3015.



Get Cool in the Pool!

The Goodyear Pool is open Monday through Friday 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. On weekends, the pool will be open noon to 8 p.m. The pool is located at 430 E. Loma Linda Blvd. For more information about classes, teams and rentals, see the Aquatics & Recreation brochure that you received in the mail, or call 623-882-7532.

Job Opportunities

Visit the City of Goodyear website at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for job listings.

Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions.

The Human Resources Office is located at Goodyear City Hall 190 North Litchfield Road. Phone: 623-882-7752. TTY: 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

Dry Heat Comedy Nights for Adults



Our **FREE**, fun and funny, Saturday night comedy series begins June 17, 2006 at 8 p.m. at Goodyear Community Park, located at 3151 N. Litchfield Rd. Comedian **Jerry Johnson** stars in the first show, with special guest, **The Incredible Kirby**. Comedian **Jay Penn** performs August 19 at 8 p.m.

This series features clean adult humor. Please bring chairs or blankets. You can bring food and beverages (no glass please) or purchase from the concession stand.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Independence Day Tuesday, July 4



Contained and uncontained collection does not change Monday, July 3. **There will be no collection on Tuesday, July 4.** Collection shifts to next day service beginning Wednesday, with Friday collections being provided on Saturday.

Don't forget to bag and tie your trash. This is especially important with food waste, animal waste and grass. Securely bagging trash helps maintain a clean and healthy environment and prevents the breeding of flies.



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